

## PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)  
and  
SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE (STC)

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
CARDIAC SONOGRAPHY (Formerly known as Cardiac Ultrasound Technology)  
DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST  
NEURODIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGY (Formerly known as Electroneurodiagnostic Technology)  
HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP  
INVASIVE CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGY (Formerly known as Invasive Cardiac Technology)  
LAW ENFORCEMENT SCIENCE MEDICAL CODING  
NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY (Terminated July 26, 2019)  
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY AND  
VASCULAR SONOGRAPHY (Formerly known as Vascular Ultrasound Technology)

**Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Programs at STC**  
Towards the  
**HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**Bachelor of Science Degree Program at USD**

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### **I. Parties**

The parties to this agreement are The University of South Dakota (USD) and Southeast Technical College (STC).

### **II. Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to:

- A. have a signed articulation agreement that addresses the varying needs of students and complementary nature of the institutions' programs;
- B. provide increased educational opportunities for students from South Dakota and the region;
- C. extend and clarify educational opportunities for students;
- D. provide STC students who have completed an AAS degree in Cardiac Sonography, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Early Childhood Specialist, Electro neurodiagnostic Technology, Healthcare Leadership, Invasive Cardiovascular Technology, Law Enforcement Science, Medical Coding, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Surgical Technology, or Vascular Sonography an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree.
- E. encourage students to graduate from both the AAS (STC) listed programs and Bachelor of Science with a major in Health Sciences (USD) program and work collaboratively on marketing and admissions guidance.

### **III. Academic Program**

#### **Graduation Requirements for the BS in Health Sciences at USD**

Health Science Major Requirements:	36	
General Education Credits: (up to 19 credits transfer per SDBOR/TC agreement)		32
<u>Transfer up to 52 block credits from STC AAS Degree:</u>	52	
<b>Total credits required:</b>	<b>120</b>	

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the B.S. in Health Sciences are reflected in the catalog website: <http://catalog.usd.edu/index.php>
- B. The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at STC if courses are delivered under the current General Education agreement with the Board of Regents. General education coursework will be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. If all required General Education credits are completed at STC while successfully completing the Associate of Applied Sciences Health or Human Services program, a total of 71 credit hours may transfer. **General Education Course Requirements**

USD General Education Requirements		Credit Hours	Southeast Technical College Transferable General Education Course (Must Meet Regental System Requirements)	Credit Hours
<b>SGR 1</b> <b>Written Communication and Literacy Skills (6 credits required)</b>	English 101 Composition	3	ENGL 101 Composition	3
	Approved SGR 1 Course	3		
<b>SGR 2</b> <b>Oral Communication (3 credits required)</b>	Approved SGR 2 Course	3	CMST 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3
<b>SGR 3</b> <b>Social Sciences (3 credits required; two disciplines)</b>	Approved SGR 3 Course; Discipline 1	3	SOC 150 Social Problems OR SOC 250 Courtship & Marriage	3
	Approved SGR 3 Course; Discipline 2	3	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
<b>SGR 4</b> <b>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts (6 credits required; 3 Humanities &amp; 3 Fine Arts)</b>	Approved Humanities Course	3		
	Approved Fine Arts Course	3		
<b>SGR 5</b> <b>Mathematics</b>	Approved SGR 5 Course	3	MATH 114 College Algebra OR MATH 120 Trigonometry	3
<b>SGR 6</b> <b>Natural Sciences (6 credits required)</b>	PHGY 220/L Human Anatomy/Physiology I* PHGY 230/L Human Anatomy/Physiology I <b>OR</b> HSC 280/L Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology <b>AND</b> Approved SGR 6 Course	8	CHEM 106 Chemistry Survey with Lab	4
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>		<b>30-32</b>		<b>Up to 19</b>

\*PHGY 220 Requires Chem 106 or higher as a prerequisite; Chem 106 or higher requires appropriate level math  
The Health Sciences Major requires an anatomy and physiology sequence: either PHGY 220/230 OR HSC 280/281

**IV. Pathway One: Reverse Articulation (completing years one and two at USD, years three and four at STC, and transferring STC credits back to USD for completion of degree)**

- A. Students will complete the required B.S. in Health Sciences courses through the University of South Dakota during the first two years of their education. During the third year of their education and upon acceptance into the program at STC, students will enter one of the Associate of Applied Science programs listed above at STC and complete the requirements for the AAS at the end of the fourth year. Students are not guaranteed admission into AAS programs at STC.
- B. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AAS degree, the student will transfer back to USD and apply for graduation. At that time, USD will accept a block of up to 52 technical course credits in transfer. In addition to the technical AAS degree course block credits, general education coursework that is equivalent to Regental courses will be transferable and accepted by USD.
- C. USD will waive the graduation requirement that 15 of the last 30 credits for the baccalaureate degree must be earned as institutional credit.
- D. Students must meet all other Board of Regents and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.

**V. Pathway Two: Forward Articulation (completing the AAS degree at STC and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences)**

- A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AAS degree students may transfer to USD to complete the BS in Health Sciences. At that time, USD will accept a block of up to 52 technical course credits from the AAS degree. Students must successfully complete the AAS degree from STC prior to transferring to USD for the technical course credits to be accepted. Transferable general education coursework in addition to up to 52 technical course block credits will be accepted.
- B. Students will complete the requirements for the B.S. in Health Sciences and any other general education or free elective requirements that remain unsatisfied.
- C. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.

**VI. Additional requirements**

- A. All Board of Regents policies regarding instructor credentials must be met for general education courses to transfer.
- B. Students transferring coursework from STC must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

**VII. Obligations**

Both parties agree to confer with each other on a yearly basis regarding changes in curricula involved in this articulation agreement.

## **VIII. Modification**

This agreement may be modified from time to time by the South Dakota Board of Regents and Southeast Technical College upon agreement by both parties.

## **IX. Incorporation of terms in master agreement.**

The parties have entered into the present agreement pursuant to the original agreement of January 24, 2005, which was updated in 2006 and again in 2020 between the Board of Technical Education, Southeast Technical College, and the South Dakota Board of Regents on behalf of Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, South Dakota State University and The University of South Dakota. This agreement shall be subject to all terms and conditions stated in the July 1, 2020 agreement.

## **X. Termination**

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon one year's written notice to the other. Student(s) enrolled in the program at that time shall be allowed to complete the program.

## **XI. Effective Date of Agreement:**

The agreement applies to students who graduated from STC in 2000 or later. This agreement was updated in 2021 and is in effect upon approval of all parties.

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